

State/Territory COLORADO

STANDARDS FOR THE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT SERVICES

The following standards and limitations apply to organ transplant services:

1. Prior Authorization

- A. All cases presented for organ transplantation (with the exception of corneal or kidney) require prior authorization.
- B. Each case receives individualized review and is evaluated for medical suitability.
 - 1. The medical necessity for the treatment.
 - (a) Diagnostic confirmation by clinical laboratory studies of the underlying pathological process.
 - (b) Clinical and physiological verification of endstage failure that is unresponsive to applied treatment regimens.
 - (c) Organ transplantation is the best available definitive treatment for the underlying pathological process and endstage functional failure.
 - 2. Consideration will be given to long range prognosis.
 - (a) No coexisting conditions that could contraindicate undertaking organ transplantation.
 - (b) Conduct of the procedures at a medical center of expertise providing high quality care through all necessary support systems and trained, experienced manpower.
 - 3. Medicaid patients may receive treatment only in approved Medicare facilities. If this is not medically feasible the State will consider approval of treatment in non-Medicare approved facilities, if such treatment is recommended by the Department's Peer Review Organization, or medical consultant.

II. Evaluation and treatment at a Transplant Center

All cases undergo evaluation, study, and staging at a medical center specializing in transplantation.

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